

## REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

### 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib et al. ("Shakib;" US 5,752,025). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully asserts that Shakib does not show or suggest the embodiments of the present invention recited in Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17.

On page 3 of the instant Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that "Shakib does not explicitly disclose wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control, wherein records are sorted into an order that is determined according to said sort field and wherein by selecting said sort field said user control[s] said order in which said record[s] are displayed." These limitations are recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

The Examiner goes on to state that "Shakib discloses the system will allow the user to change the way the objects or other information is viewed and the user may create a customized view, which means the user has control over how the information is sorted and displayed" (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this statement.

Applicant respectfully asserts that there is no showing or suggestion in Shakib that equates the way information is viewed with how information

is sorted. For example, Shakib describes expanding or collapsing categorization tables. Expanding or collapsing such tables will change the way information is viewed, but has no bearing on the way information is sorted. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the way information is viewed, or that the user may create a customized view, does not mean or even suggest that the user has control over how information is sorted.

To summarize, the Examiner acknowledges that limitations in the claims are not disclosed by the cited prior art. To address this shortcoming, the Examiner attempts to equate "view" with "sort." Applicant respectfully submits that changing the way information is viewed does not mean or suggest changing the way information is sorted. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide a reference showing the limitations admittedly not disclosed by Shakib.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib does not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, and that the Examiner's basis for rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed. Claims 2-3 are dependent on Claim 1; Claims 9-10 are dependent on Claim 8; and Claims 16-17 are dependent on Claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 4, 11 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of Eagle (US 6,226,739). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 4, 11 and 18 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib and Eagle, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib does not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 4 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 11 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 18 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Eagle does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Eagle, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 1; that Eagle, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of contact records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein contact records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed" as recited in Claim 8; and that

Eagle, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and Eagle, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 4 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 11 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 18 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib and Eagle, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 4, 11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 5, 12 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of Daleen et al. ("Daleen;" US 6,493,722). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 5, 12 and 19 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib and Daleen, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib does not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Claim 5 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 12 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 19 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Daleen does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Daleen, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 1; that Daleen, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of contact records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein contact records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed" as recited in Claim 8; and that Daleen, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and Daleen, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 5 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 12 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 19 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib and Daleen, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 5, 12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 6, 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of Freund et al. ("Freund;" US 5,809,497). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 6, 13 and 20 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib and Freund, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib does not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 6 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 13 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 20 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Freund does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Freund, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each

category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 1; that Freund, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of contact records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein contact records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed" as recited in Claim 8; and that Freund, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and Freund, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 6 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 13 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 20 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib and Freund, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of

Claims 6, 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

Claims 7, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shakib in view of Ramaley et al. (US 5,995,940). The Applicant has reviewed these references and respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in Claims 7, 14 and 21 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Shakib and Ramaley, alone or in combination.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib does not show or suggest the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Claim 7 is dependent on Claim 1 and recites additional limitations, Claim 14 is dependent on Claim 8 and recites additional limitations, and Claim 21 is dependent on Claim 15 and recites additional limitations.

Ramaley does not overcome the shortcomings of Shakib. Specifically, Applicant respectfully asserts that Ramaley, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 1; that Ramaley, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest a method of displaying information for a database of contact records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein contact records are



sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed" as recited in Claim 8; and that Ramaley, alone or in combination with Shakib, does not show or suggest an electronic device that implements a method of displaying information for a database of records of different categories "wherein a sort field for each category type is under user control," wherein records are sorted "into an order that is determined according to said first sort field" and "wherein by selecting said sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed" as recited in Claim 15.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that Shakib and Ramaley, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Applicant also respectfully submits that Claim 7 dependent on Claim 1, Claim 14 dependent on Claim 8, and Claim 21 dependent on Claim 15 are not shown or suggested by Shakib and Ramaley, alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's basis for rejection of Claims 7, 14 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicant requests allowance of the present Application.

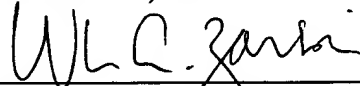
Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-21 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Applicant has reviewed the references cited but not relied upon. The Applicant did not find these references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 6,539,392; US 6,487,569; and US 6,199,082.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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